

I have been an XM Satellite subscriber since October 2003. I became a subscriber because I got so tired of awful programming offered by traditional FM radio broadcast. I love the selection of programs that XM Satellite provides--all kinds of music, some entertainment programs and news coverage. XM Radio started to offer traffic and weather updates, this is a wonderful new feature that XM has added to its product offering. I find it hard to believe anyone could be against providing vital information such as weather and traffic--particularly when providing drivers in big cities with information can only help alleviate traffic issues in already too congested areas. It is one's right to choose this form of media--we pay for it with our monthly subscription, much like many pay a monthly fee for cable television. I've never heard any organization protest when cable TV wanted to put a weather radar channel in the program offering. Why should it be any different for satellite radio? Not to mention that if NAB's petition 04-160 passes it would be in violation of free speech because it would prevent satellite radio from providing such vital services, and that would be a terrible thing for many of us.